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Art Unit 2667

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/694,788; Filed: October 29, 2003
For: **A Multi-Rate, Multi-Port, Gigabit Serdes Transceiver**
Inventor: Howard A. Baumer
Our Ref: 1875.3640001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. Return postcard; and
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,000.00 to cover:
\$1,000.00 for additional claims fee.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20040930), Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.